

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on February 25, 2003. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 17 are pending. Claims 3, 7, and 11-16 have been previously cancelled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4-6 and 8-9 have been cancelled in the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 17 have been amended. No new matter is presented by these amendments.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,925,523 issued to Simon Dove et al. (hereinafter "Dove"). In order to obtain more rapid issue of subject matter the Examiner has deemed allowable, all rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the allowability of Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 17 have been withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference to Dove. Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 10, 11 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 10, 11 and 17. Previous Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. Because Previous Claim 10 was a multiple dependent claim, it was rewritten as two separate independent claims, Claims 1 and 10 and Claim 11 was made multiply dependent upon either. Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form. Applicants believe the claims are now substantially in the form the Examiner has indicated to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe Claims 1, 10, 11 and 17 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicants request a four-month extension of time and accordingly enclose the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4).

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$465.00 required for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4). Should any additional fees be due as a result of this amendment or for any other reason during prosecution of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any required fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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